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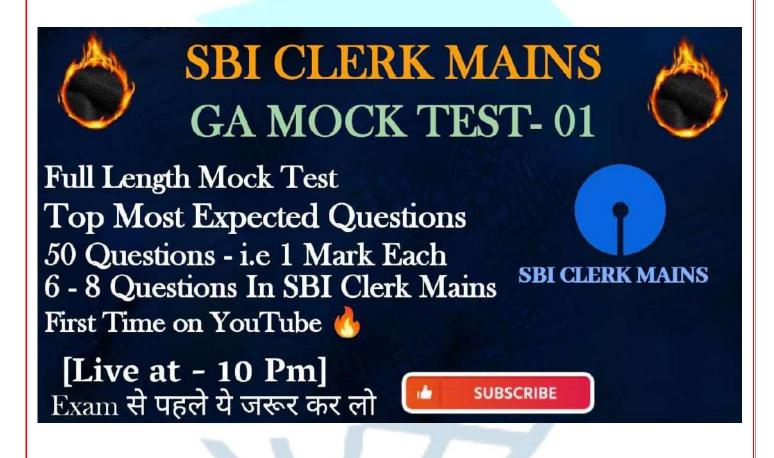
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Aparchit 20 March English Super Current Affairs MCQ with Facts 2024

By Aparchit Exam Warriors/Kumar Kaushal Sir

Q.1. What is India's rank in the United Nations' World Happiness Report for the year 2024?

A) 139

B) 126

C) 144

D) 130

Answer: B

- ✓ Finland tops UN's World Happiness Report as happiest country
- ✓ In the United Nations sponsored annual 'World Happiness Report' released on 20 March 2024, 'Finland' has been considered the happiest country in the world.
- ✓ Finland has become the happiest country in the world for the seventh consecutive year in this United Nations report.
- ✓ Nordic countries included in the World Happiness Report:
- ✓ In this report, Nordic countries maintained their position among the 10 happiest countries. It also includes Denmark, Iceland and Sweden
- ✓ India ranks 126th among 143 countries in the World Happiness Report. India was at the same rank last year also
- ✓ Afghanistan at the bottom:
- ✓ In the World Happiness Report, Afghanistan has been placed at the lowest position in the list of 143 countries.
- ✓ Afghanistan has been plagued by humanitarian disaster since it came under Taliban control in 2020. This is also being seen in the World Happiness Report of the United Nations
- ✓ Basis of World Happiness Ranking:
- ✓ Many core values have been included in the preparation of this report of the United Nations. These mainly include the following:
- ✓ GDP per capita along with self-assessment of life satisfaction of individuals
- ✓ Social Support
- ✓ Healthy Life Expectancy
- ✓ Freedom
- ✓ Kindness

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- ✓ Corruption.
- ✓ Top 10 countries ranked in World Happiness Report:
- ✓ 1. Finland
- ✓ 2. Denmark
- ✓ 3. Iceland
- ✓ 4. Sweden
- ✓ 5. Israel
- ✓ 6. Netherlands
- ✓ 7. Norway
- ✓ 8. Luxembourg
- ✓ 9. Switzerland
- ✓ 10. Australia
- Q.2. According to the World Happiness Report 2024, which is the happiest country in the world?
 - A) Denmark

B) Germany

C) Finland

D) Iceland

Answer: C

- ✓ According to the World Happiness Report 2024, the European country Finland is the happiest country in the world.
- ✓ Finland remains the happiest country in the world for the seventh consecutive year.
- ✓ Like last year, India remains at 126th position in the World Happiness Index.
- ✓ Whereas India's neighboring country Pakistan is at 108th place and Sri Lanka is at 128th place. America is at 23rd place
- Q.3. Which bank will support Tata Memorial -support National Cancer Grid with Rs 100 crore contribution?

A) Yes Bank

B) Axis Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) ICICI Bank

Answer: B

✓ Axis Bank to support Tata Memorial-supported National Cancer Grid

- ✓ A national tumour biobank and cancer teleconsultation network are among the projects that will be supported by a ₹100 crore contribution towards the National Cancer Grid (NCG), from Axis Bank.
- ✓ As part of the five-year partnership, Axis Bank will support NCG, a network of 300-plus cancer centres across the country, coordinated by the Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH), under the Tata Memorial Centre.
- ✓ The aim is to improve cancer care and research, in terms of access and digital adoption on formalising a Memorandum of Understanding with Tata Memorial.

AXIS BANK IN NEWS 2023-24

- Axis Bank to support Tata Memorial-supported National Cancer Grid.
- Axis Bank has appointed Pranam Wahi as an additional independent director of the bank for four years.
- Axis Bank signed MoU with IRMA to promote financial inclusion and literacy in India.
- Axis Bank and Fibe Partner to launch India's First Numberless Credit Card.
- Axis Bank Launched 'NEO For Business' Banking Platform For MSMEs.
- Axis Bank Introduces 'Infinity Savings Account' with Zero Domestic Transaction Fees.
- Axis Bank partners with RBI Innovation Hub to launch Kisan Credit cards.
- Axis Bank Partners with Kiwi to Bolster 'Credit on UPI' on RuPay Credit Cards.
- Axis Bank has launched the 'one-view' feature on its mobile application which enables account management across multiple bank accounts.
- Axis Bank has appointed NS Vishwanathan, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India, as non-executive chairman.
- Axis Bank launches Digital Onboarding platform 'Sarathi' for POS Terminals.
- > Axis Bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation ltd announce strategic partnership under the colending model.
- Axis Bank completes deal to buy Citibank's India consumer business.
- Axis Bank Partners with OPEN to Launch a Fully Digital Current Account.
- > AXIS BANK
- ➤ Founded: 1993
- HQ: Mumbai, MaharashtraChairman: Rakesh Makhija

- ➤ MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary
- Tagline: Badhti Ka naam Zindagi

Q.4. Consider the following:

- 1. United States
- 2. China
- 3. India
- 4. United Kingdom

How many of the above countries are members of the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE)?

A) Only one

B) Only two

C) Only three

D) All four

Answer: D

- ✓ The 41st Steering Committee Meeting of the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE) kicked off in New Delhi recently.
- ✓ About the International Partnership for Hydrogen and Fuel Cells in the Economy (IPHE):
- ✓ IPHE, established in 2003, is an international inter-governmental partnership currently consisting of 23 member countries and the European Commission.
- ✓ Objective: To facilitate and accelerate the transition to clean and efficient energy and mobility systems using fuel cells and hydrogen technologies.
- ✓ IPHE serves as a mechanism to organize and implement effective, efficient, and focused international research, development, demonstration, and commercial utilization activities related to hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.
- ✓ Members: Australia, Canada, European Commission, India, Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Chile, France, Italy, Norway, UAE, Belgium, China, Germany, Japan, South Africa, United Kingdom, Brazil, Costa Rica, Iceland, South Korea, Singapore, and the United States.

- Q.5. 'State of Global Climate Report' is an annual report released by which one of the following organisations?
 - A) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - B) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
 - C) World Meteorological Organisation (WMO)
 - D) World Bank

Answer: C

- ✓ The new annual State of the Global Climate report, published recently by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), found that 2023 was the hottest year on record.
- ✓ About State of Global Climate Report 2023:
- ✓ It is an annual report published by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO).
- ✓ Dozens of experts and partners contribute to the report, including UN organizations, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), and Global Data and Analysis Centers, as well as Regional Climate Centres, the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP), the Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW), the Global Cryosphere Watch, and the Copernicus Climate Change Service operated by ECMWF
- ✓ Highlights of the 2023 Report:
- ✓ 2023 was the hottest year on record, with the global average near-surface temperature at 1.45 °Celsius (with a margin of uncertainty of \pm 0.12 °C) above the pre-industrial baseline.
- ✓ It was the warmest ten-year period on record.
- ✓ Numerous records for indicators of the climate system, including greenhouse gas levels (GHGs), surface temperatures, ocean heat, sea level rise, Antarctic Sea ice cover, glacier retreat, etc., were broken.
- ✓ On an average day in 2023, nearly one third of the global ocean was gripped by a marine heatwave, harming vital ecosystems and food systems.
- ✓ Towards the end of 2023, over 90% of the ocean had experienced heatwave conditions at some point during the year.
- ✓ The global set of reference glaciers suffered the largest loss of ice on record (since 1950), driven by extreme melt in both western North America and Europe, according to preliminary data.
- ✓ In 2023, renewable capacity additions increased by almost 50% from 2022, for a total of 510 gigawatts (GW), the highest rate observed in the past two decades.

- Q.6. Consider the following statements regarding the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI):
 - 1. It is an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.
 - 2. It provides for licensing, registration and accreditation for food business operators.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

- ✓ With food poisoning and diarrhoea becoming a common occurrence, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is working towards creating a network of 34 microbiology labs across the country that will be equipped to test food products for 10 pathogens.
- ✓ About Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI):
- ✓ It is an autonomous body established under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- ✓ The FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statute related to food safety and regulation in India.
- ✓ Vision: Build a new India by enabling citizens to have safe and nutritious food, prevent diseases, and lead a healthy and happy life.
- ✓ Mission: Set globally benchmarked standards for food, encourage and ensure that food businesses adhere to these standards, adopt good manufacturing and hygiene practices, and ultimately enable citizens to access safe and right food.
- ✓ Functions:
- ✓ FSSAI is responsible for protecting and promoting public health through the regulation and supervision of food safety.
- ✓ It lays down standards and guidelines in relation to articles of food, and provides for licensing, registration, and accreditation for food business operators.
- ✓ Anyone selling or importing food in India needs a food licence issued by FSSAI.

- ✓ FSSAI also directly monitors compliance of food regulations, especially in the area of food imports to India.
- ✓ The FSSAI is also responsible for the accreditation of food testing laboratories throughout India.
- ✓ The FSSAI is responsible for the Food Certification in India

FSSAI IN NEWS 2023-24

- > FSSAI is working towards creating a network of 34 microbiology labs across the country that will be equipped to test food products for 10 pathogens.
- > FSSAI has awarded 'Eat Right Station' certification to 150 railway stations so far for ensuring safe, hygienic and nutritious food options for passengers.
- ➤ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) introduced a new provision called 'Special Category' in the FOSCOS portal.
- > FSSAI has recently recognized the Mithun as a 'food animal,' opening doors for its commercial use found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- > Defence ministry, FSSAI to promote use of millets, healthy eating habits among armed forces.
- > Guwahati Railway Station of the Northeast Frontier Railway has been awarded the 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI, for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- ➤ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated the state-of-the-art National Training Centre for Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) at Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.
- ➤ Varanasi Cantt Railway Station of the Indian Railways has been awarded the 5-Star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high quality nutritious food to the passengers.
- ➤ The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has awarded the food provided by the Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh a five-star rating and the tag 'Eat Right Campus'. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after Farrukhabad jail to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh..
- ➤ G Kamala Vardhana Rao was appointed the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).
- FSSAI has been established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, which is a consolidating statue related to food safety and regulation in India.
- ➤ Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- ➤ Founded : 2008

Headquarters : New Delhi

> Chairperson : Rajesh Bhusan

> CEO: G Kamala Vardhana Rao

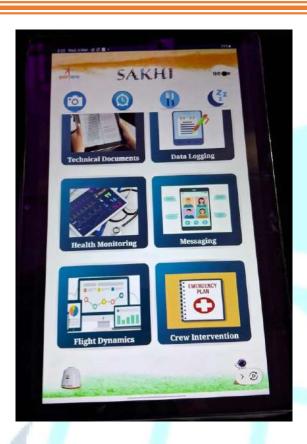
- Q.7. Which app has ISRO launched to assist the Gaganyaan crew?
 - A) SAKHI
 - **B) MADAD**
 - C) AKASH
 - D) SAMARTH

Answer: A

- ✓ Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) located at Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram has launched a multipurpose app 'SAKHI' (Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction-SAKHI) to assist the Gaganyaan crew.
- ✓ This app will help in monitoring the health of astronauts and maintaining communication with ISRO on Earth.
- ✓ ISRO can launch Gaganyaan human mission in the year 2025.
- ✓ Developed by: Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), an ISRO Facility at Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram Kerala.
- ✓ Purpose: During the Mission;
- ✓ It will perform a range of tasks such as looking up vital technical information or communicating with one another for Gaganyaan Crew.
- ✓ Utility:
- ✓ Health Monitoring:
- ✓ It will provide information on key parameters like blood pressure, heart rate and oxygen saturation & invaluable insights into the crew's physical condition throughout the mission.
- ✓ It will also remind them about their hydration and dietary schedules and sleep patterns.







ISRO IN NEWS 2023-24

- ➤ Vikram Sarabhai Space Center (VSSC) located at Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram has launched a multi-purpose app 'SAKHI' (Space-borne Assistant and Knowledge Hub for Crew Interaction-SAKHI) to assist the Gaganyaan crew.
- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has partnered with ISRO for the Urban Frame Survey (UFS) using Bhuvan.
- ➤ Prime Minister Narendra Modi and ISRO Chairman have already said that by 2040 we should have an Indian astronaut on the moon and also to have our space station by 2035.
- > PM Modi laid the foundation stone of the second spaceport of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu.
- ➤ ISRO has successfully launched meteorological satellite INSAT-3DS with the GSLV-F14/INSAT-3DS mission from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota.
- Vyommitra(Woman Robot Astronaut) is going to fly into Space ahead of ISRO's "Gaganyaan" Mission



- ➤ ISRO has completed all key tests on Insat-3DS satellite before the final review which will be followed by its shipping to the spaceport in Srihari Kota, Andhra Pradesh.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the PSLV-C58 X-ray Polarimeter Satellite (XPoSat) mission.
- ➤ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is planning to send Indian astronauts to the moon for the first time by 2040.
- ➤ ISRO's Next Moon Mission in Collaboration with Japan Gathers Steam. This mission, called LUPEX, or Lunar Polar Exploration, is slated for 2024-25.
- > Centre has approved the establishment of a new spaceport in Kulasekarapattinam, Tamil Nadu for carrying out the launches of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV) developed by the ISRO.
- > ISRO has announced a new online training programme for post-graduate and final-year undergraduate students of physical sciences and technology. The programme is called Space Science and Technology Awareness Training (START).
- ➤ ISRO will launch Singapore's TeLEOS-2 satellite using the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota.

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- ➤ Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- Founded: 15 August 1969
- > HQ: Bengalore, Karnataka
- Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
- > 10th Chairman : S Somanath
- Aryabhata India's first satellites Launched on 19 April 1975.
- ➤ GSAT-1 India's first commercial satellite.
- > SLV-3 was India's first experimental satellite launch vehicle.
- Ariane Passenger PayLoad Experiment, (APPLE) first communication satellite in India 19 June 1981.
- Udupi Ramachandra Rao : satellite Man of India

Q.8. Where is 'Start-up Mahakumbh' being organised?

A) Bengaluru

B) Mumbai

C) New Delhi

D) Kolkata

Answer: C

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Start-up Mahakumbh at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- ✓ On this occasion, he also visited the exhibition displayed.
- ✓ On this occasion, PM Modi said that India has the third largest startup ecosystem with 1.25 lakh startups, which includes 12 lakh youth
- Q.9. Who has been appointed as the new Ambassador of India to Russia?

A) Vinay Kumar

B) Parsottam Rupala

C) Ajay Nagar

D) R K Aggarwal

Answer: A

- ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs has appointed the country's senior diplomat Vinay Kumar as the next Ambassador of India to Russia.
- ✓ Vinay Kumar is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to Myanmar. Vinay Kumar is a 1992 batch IFS officer.
- ✓ India has long-term and extensive cooperation with Russia in the field of defence.
- ✓ India imports most of the weapons from Russia

Q.10. Who has recently been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Food and Processing Industries?

A) Anurag Thakur

B) Arjun Ram Meghwal

C) Smriti Irani

D) Kiran Rijiju

Answer: D

- ✓ After the resignation of Pashupati Kumar Paras from the Union Council of Ministers, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Food and Processing Industries.
- ✓ President Draupadi Murmu has given Rijiju the charge of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, in addition to his existing portfolio of Ministry of Earth and Science

Q.11. Who has recently been given additional responsibility as the Governor in-charge of Telangana?

A) Anandiben Patel

B) Kalraj Mishra

C) CP Radhakrishnan

D) Mahendra Nath Yadav

Answer: C

- ✓ Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan has been given additional responsibility as the in-charge Governor of Telangana in place of Tamilisai Soundararajan.
- ✓ Earlier, Soundararajan had resigned from his post.
- ✓ He will also hold the additional responsibilities of Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry.
- Q.12. Consider the following statements regarding the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI):
 - 1. It is an agricultural research institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
 - 2. It undertakes research on coconut, arecanut, cocoa and palmyra palm.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 only
- C) Both 1 and 2
- D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer : C

- ✓ The Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare recently inaugurated the Krishi Sammelan (Farmer's Meet), organised by the ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute.
- ✓ About Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI):
- ✓ It was established by the Government of Madras in 1916 for coconut research.
- ✓ Later, it was acquired by the Indian Central Coconut Committee in 1947.
- ✓ The CPCRI was established in 1970 as one of the agricultural research institutes in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- ✓ Headquarters: Kasaragod, Kerala.
- ✓ The institute had the mandate to undertake research on coconut, arecanut, cocoa, cashew, oil palm, and spices at the time of establishment.
- ✓ In 2023, a new mandate crop, Palmyra Palm, was added to its institute.
- ✓ The Institute also holds the International Coconut Gene Bank for South Asia at Kidu in Karnataka.
- ✓ The Institute also serves as the headquarters of the All-India Co-ordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Palms.

- Q.13. In the context of Indian economy, the term 'reverse flipping' refers to:
 - A) Shifting of the focus from online to offline sales
 - B) Movement of the investments from India to foreign capital markets
 - C) Changing the business model from subscription-based to one-time purchases
 - D) Moving the domicile of overseas start-ups to India

Answer: D

- ✓ Startups such as Pine Labs, Zepto, Meesho are the latest new-age companies looking to move headquarters to India.
- ✓ About Reverse Flipping:
- ✓ It is a term used to describe the trend of overseas start-ups shifting their domicile to India and listing on Indian stock exchanges.
- ✓ The general motivation for a reverse flip is the increased certainty of an exit at a higher valuation in India.
- ✓ This trend has been gaining traction in recent years, as start-ups look to capitalise on India's large and growing economy, access to deeper pools of venture capital, favourable tax regimes, better intellectual property protection, a young and educated population, and favourable government policies.
- ✓ The Economic Survey 2022-23 recognised the concept of reverse flipping and proposed ways to accelerate the process, such as simplifying the processes for tax vacations, taxation of ESOPs, capital movements, decreasing tax layers, and the like.
- ✓ What is flipping:
- ✓ Flipping is when an Indian company transforms into a 100% subsidiary of a foreign entity after it has moved its headquarters overseas, including a transfer of its Intellectual Property (IP) and others.
- ✓ It effectively transforms an Indian startup (company) into a 100% subsidiary of a foreign entity, with the founders and investors retaining the same ownership via the foreign entity, having swapped all shares.
- Q.14. Consider the following statements with reference to the International Seabed Authority (ISA):
 - 1. It is an autonomous international organization to regulate mining and related activities within the territorial waters of member countries.
 - 2. It came into existence upon the entry into force of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B

- ✓ The Council of the International Seabed Authority (ISA) commenced the first part of its 29th session recently.
- ✓ About International Seabed Authority (ISA):
- ✓ It is an autonomous international organization established in 1994 to regulate mining and related activities in the international seabed beyond national jurisdiction, an area that includes most of the world's oceans.
- ✓ The ISA came into existence upon the entry into force of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), which codified international law regarding territorial waters, sea lanes, and ocean resources.
- ✓ ISA is the organization through which states parties to UNCLOS organize and control all mineral-resourcesrelated activities in the Area (the seabed and ocean floor and the subsoil thereof, beyond the limits of national jurisdiction) for the benefit of humankind as a whole.
- ✓ Headquarters: Kingston, Jamaica
- ✓ Members: As of May 2023, ISA has 169 Members, including 168 Member States and the European Union.
- ✓ The secretary-general of the ISA is nominated by the council and is elected by the assembly to a four-year term

Q.15. Srinagar hosted the first-ever Formula 4 car racing demonstration event on the banks of which lake?

A) Kausar Nag Lake

B) Nigeen Lake

C) Wular Lake

D) Dal Lake

Answer: D

- ✓ Srinagar hosted the first-ever Formula 4 car racing demonstration event on Sunday on the banks of the world-famous Dal Lake.
- ✓ The event enthralled locals and motorsport fans as they witnessed stunts performed by professional Formula 4 drivers.
- ✓ Sleek racing cars roared along a 1.7 km track from Lalit Ghat on the banks of Dal Lake to Nehru Park in the city.

- The event, the first of its kind in the Kashmir Valley, was organized by the Federation of Motorsports Clubs of India, which is affiliated with the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)
- Q.16. The Election Commission of India has launched a new mobile application called KYC. This app allows voters to check if any candidate standing for elections in their constituency has a criminal record. What is the meaning of "C" in "KYC"?

A) Candidate

B) Customer

C) Criteria

D) Candidature

Answer: A

- ✓ Election Commission launches 'Know Your Candidate' app
- ✓ The Election Commission of India, headed by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, has launched a new mobile application called Know Your Candidate (KYC).
- ✓ This app allows voters to check if any candidate standing for elections in their constituency has a criminal record.
- ✓ The app is available for download on both Android and iOS platforms.
- ✓ The KYC app provides voters with the ability to access information about candidates with criminal antecedents.
- ✓ Candidates are required to disclose their criminal records in newspapers and on television three times. The parties nominating such candidates must explain their selection over other deserving candidates.
- Aparchit Exa ✓ ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

✓ Founded: 25 January 1950

✓ 25 January : Voter's Day

✓ HQ : New Delhi

✓ First Election Commissioner: Sukumar Sen

✓ First Woman Chief Election Commissioner : V.S. Ramadevi

✓ 25th Chief Election Commission : Rajiv Kumar

✓ Election Commissioner : Anup Chandra Pandey & Arun Goel

Tenure: 6/65yrs

✓ Article: 324

✓ The Commission consists of one Chief Election Commissioner and two Election Commissioners. They are appointed by the President of India.

Q.17. Where is India's First Oil Palm Processing Unit started operation?

A) Haryana

B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: D

- ✓ India's first integrated oil palm processing unit in Arunachal Pradesh started operation by one of India's largest oil palm development companies, 3F Oil Palm.
- ✓ A new factory has been established in the Lower Dibang Valley district of India's northeast state. This factory is part of Mission Palm Oil and is India's first oil palm factory under NMEO-OP.
- ✓ This integrated Oil Palm project will include a cutting-edge oil palm factory (Palm Oil Processing and Refinery), a zero-discharge effluent plant, a palm waste-based power plant, and additional structures and go-downs for support purposes.
- ✓ This factory marks the first Oil Palm factory in Arunachal Pradesh and India's first Oil Palm Factory under NMEO-OP.
- ✓ 3F Oil Palm's state-of-the-art Integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit has been designed to process fresh fruit bunches (FFBs) into high-quality palm oil with an impressive capacity of 10 metric tons per hour.
- ✓ With 2,500 hectares of oil palm currently being planted across a farmer base of 500 farmers, 3F Oil Palm Pvt Ltd is a leader and pioneer in Arunachal Pradesh's oil palm development programme.
- Q.18. The Election Commission has launched a special campaign in which state to boost voter turnout in 414 polling stations with less than 60% voting during the last Lok Sabha polls?

A) Uttar Pradesh

Aparella B) Bihar

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: D

- ✓ The Election Commission has launched a special campaign in Himachal Pradesh to boost voter turnout in 414 polling stations with less than 60% voting during the last Lok Sabha polls.
- ✓ The main focus of the campaign "Mission 414" is increasing the vote percentage in 414 identified polling stations which registered less than 60% voting in the last Lok Sabha polls.
- ✓ Awareness campaigns and cultural events would be held besides making these 414 stations model polling stations.



- ✓ Booth youth icons from first time voters would be roped in and special invitation cards made by children would be given to prospective voters.
- ✓ A similar initiative is under way for 22 Assembly segments and is aimed at increasing the voter turnout to 72% in polling stations where the turnout was less than 70% in the last Lok Sabha elections. The average voter turnout in Himachal Pradesh in 2019 was 72.42%.
- Q.19. Guyana Defence Force will acquire two Dornier 228 aircraft from India. Dornier 228 aircraft is manufactured by which Indian company?

A) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

B) BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL)

C) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

Answer: D

- ✓ The Indian defence industry is making forays in the Caribbean with the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) planning to soon acquire two new aircraft from New Delhi with a \$23.27 million loan from Export-Import Bank of India.
- ✓ An agreement in this regard was signed between Guyanese Finance Minister and Deputy GM of EXIM Bank.
- ✓ Guyana, which has a substantial Indian diaspora, plans to purchase two HAL (Dornier) 228 planes from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
- ✓ These aircraft will be used for maritime patrols and troop movement. India has already given these aircraft to its neighbours like Maldives and Sri Lanka
- ✓ About Guyana

✓ Capital : Georgetown

✓ Currency : Dollar

✓ Prime Minister : Mark Phillips

✓ President: Mohamed Irfaan Ali

Q.20. Tata Sons will sale how much percent stake in Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for ₹9,362.3 crore?

A) 0.6%

B) 0.9%

C) 0.7%

D) 0.5%

Answer: A

✓ Tata Sons announces sale of 0.6% Stake in TCS for over ₹9,300 crore

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- ✓ Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group, will be selling 2.34 crore shares or 0.65 per cent equity of Tata Consultancy Services through a block deal for ₹9,362.3 crore (\$1.13 billion).
- ✓ According to the December-end filing, Tata Sons holds a 72.38 per cent stake in TCS.
- ✓ Holding companies and promoter entities usually sell stakes in group firms to generate cash to pay down debt and stabilise balance sheets.
- ✓ Recently, British tobacco company BAT Plc sold a 3.5 per cent stake in its Indian associate ITC Ltd for ₹16,690 crore. This monetisation was done chiefly to buy back its shares and continue its deleveraging exercise.
- Q.21. President Vladimir Putin, 71, won Russia's presidential election with 87.8% of the vote, a record post-Soviet landslide. How many years is the tenure of the President of Russia?

A) 5 years

B) 6 years

C) 8 years

D) 10 years

Answer: B

- ✓ President Vladimir Putin, 71, won in a record post-Soviet landslide, winning 87.8% of the vote in Russia's election.
- ✓ Putin is set to embark on a new six-year term, which, if completed, would make him Russia's longest-serving leader in over 200 years, surpassing Josef Stalin.
- ✓ For Putin, a former KGB lieutenant colonel who first rose to power in 1999, the result is intended to underscore to the West that its leaders will have to reckon with an emboldened Russia, whether in war or in peace, for many more years to come
- Q.22. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Poonawalla Fincorp?

A) Bhavish Aggarwal

B) Arvind Kapil

C) Shravan Kumaran

D) Abhay Hanjura

Answer: B

✓ Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) Poonawalla Fincorp has appointed Arvind Kapil as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.

- ✓ The current MD & CEO of the company, Abhay Bhutada, has been elevated to a group-level role and will be taking up a strategic position at the Cyrus Poonawalla Group, managing its strategy, investment, and finance.
- ✓ Currently, Kapil is serving as the group head of mortgage banking business at HDFC Bank and manages a book of over Rs 7 trillion. He also handled the merger of HDFC and HDFC Bank.

Q.23. Who will be conferred the 2024 Sangita Kalanidhi award by the Madras Music Academy?

A) Sudha Ragunathan

B) Thodur Madabusi Krishna

C) V. Dakshinamoorthy

D) M. S. Subbulakshmi

Answer: B

- ✓ Renowned Carnatic vocalist Thodur Madabusi Krishna will be conferred the 2024 Sangita Kalanidhi award by the Madras Music Academy.
- ✓ The Sangita Kalanidhi award is considered one of the highest honours in Carnatic music.
- ✓ The musician will preside over the academic sessions of the 98th Annual Conference and Concerts of The Music Academy, the Deccan Herald reporting quoting Murali. The session will be held from December 15, 2024 to January 1, 2025, when he will receive the award.
- ✓ In 2016, Krishna was awarded the coveted Ramon Magsaysay Award.

O.24. Who has won the Men's Indian Wells ATP 2024 Title?

A) Rafael Nadal

B) Carlos Alcaraz

C) Novak Djokovic

D) Alexander Zverev

Answer: B

- ✓ Carlos Alcaraz (Spain) defeated Daniil Medvedev (Russia) in straight sets, with a score of 7-6 (7/5), 6-1 in the final of the Indian Wells ATP tournament.
- ✓ With this win, the 20-year-old Alcaraz became the first player to win back-to-back Indian Wells titles since Novak Djokovic did it from 2014 to 2016.

Q.25. World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is marked annually on___

A) March 15

B) March 18

C) March 20

D) March 17

Answer: C

- ✓ The World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is celebrated all over the world on March 20.
- ✓ The day is celebrated every year since 2001 by the international community of theatre practitioners to attract the attention of a wider public to the art of theatre for children and young people.
- ✓ The event is basically organised by the ASSITEJ International, an international alliance of professionals involved in theatre for children and young people.

Q.26. Which day is observed as the International Day of Happiness every year?

A) March 19

B) March 20

C) March 18

D) March 21

Answer: B

- ✓ Every year the International Day of Happiness is celebrated on March 20.
- ✓ The day aims to promote happiness as a fundamental human right for all human beings across the world.
- ✓ The theme for 2023 International Day of Happiness campaign is "Be Mindful. Be Grateful. Be Kind.".
- ✓ The first International Day of Happiness was officially held on 20 March 2013.
- ✓ It was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 June 2012.

Q.27. The World Oral Health Day is marked every year on March 20. What is the theme for the day in 2023?

A) Be Proud Of Your Mouth

B) Unite for Mouth Health

C) Brush your way to Health

D) Good health adds life to years

Answer: B

- ✓ The World Oral Health Day is marked every year on March 20.
- ✓ The theme for Oral Health Day 2024 is 'A happy mouth is a happy body.'
- ✓ The day aims to raise global awareness of the issues around oral health and the importance of oral hygiene so that governments, health associations and the general public can work together to achieve healthier mouths and happier lives
- ✓ The day is an initiative of FDI World Dental Federation; an organization that brings together the world of dentistry with the aim of achieving optimal oral health for everyone

Q.28. March 20 is dedicated to celebrating which of the following days?

A) World Sparrow Day

B) World Frog Day

C) UN French Language Day

D) All of the above

Answer: D

- ✓ World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on March 20. The UN French Language Day is observed annually on 20 March. The World Frog Day is observed annually on March 20.
- ✓ World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on March 20.
- ✓ Theme of 2024 World Sparrow Day "I Love Sparrows"
- ✓ The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations.
- ✓ The first World Sparrow Day was celebrated in 2010.
- ✓ The day was initiated by the Nature Forever Society of India in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation (France) and numerous other national and international organisations across the world.
- ✓ The World Frog Day is observed annually on March 20.
- ✓ The purpose of the day is to raise awareness about the tailless amphibian frogs: found on land and water both.
- ✓ The day was created in 2009 with the intention to save many different species of frogs from going extinct.
- ✓ The UN French Language Day is observed annually on 20 March.
- ✓ The day was established by UN's Department of Public Information in 2010.
- ✓ It is one of the six official languages used throughout the Organization, and aims to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as promote equal use of all.

Q.29. The World Head Injury Awareness Day is celebrated on which day annually?

A) March 18

B) March 20

C) March 19

D) March 21

Answer: B

✓ The World Head Injury Awareness Day is observed annually on March 20, to educate and foster awareness among the general public about traumatic head injuries and strategies to prevent accidents and brain injuries.

	STATIC GK Based Current Affairs MCQs 20 March 2024			
Q.1.	For which of the following bank type it is not mandatory to exchange mutilated and defective banknotes?			
	A) Public Sector Bank	B) Private Sector Bank		
	C) Regional Rural Bank	D) Small Finance Bank		
Ansv	wer: D			
Q.2.	Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC) has been constituted by?			
	A) SEBI	B) ICRA		
	C) RBI	D) Ministry of Finance		
Ansv	wer : C			
Q.3.	Who authorizes an entity to com	mence or operate a payment system in India?		
	A) NPCI	B) RBI		
	C) Ministry of Finance	D) SEBI		
Ansv	wer : B			
Q.4.	What is the limit for Farm Credit	- to Individual farmers that can qualify for Priority Sector lending		
	A) Rs 10 lakhs	B) Rs 25 lakhs		
	C) Rs 50 lakhs	D) Rs 75 lakhs		
Ansv	wer : C	archit Exc		
Q.5.	AL	whose proceeds are used to finance new or existing eligible gree		
	A) Green bonds	B) Masala bonds		
	C) ECB	D) Agricultural bonds		
Ansv	wer: A			
Q.6.	The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) has been introduced by?			
	A) World Bank	B) IMF		
	C) ADB	D) BRICS Bank		
A	was D			

- Q.7. Who is the chairperson of GST council?
 - A) Governor of RBI

- B) Prime Minister of India
- C) Union Finance Minister
- D) Minister of State (Finance and Corporate Affairs)

Answer: C

- Q.8. How many digits are there in the Goods and Services Tax Identification Number (GSTIN)?
 - A) 10

B) 12

C) 15

D) 16

Answer: C

- Q.9. "Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy" is published annually by?
 - A) Ministry of Finance
 - **B) CARE Ratings**
 - C) Reserve Bank of India
 - D) SEBI

Answer: C

- Q.10. _____ is the value of a country's currency in terms of a foreign currency.
 - A) Forex Market

B) Coupons

C) Dated Securities

D) Exchange Rate

Answer: D



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